REMARKS

Generally, the Examiner asserts in the Restriction Requirement that Claims 1-9, 18 and 19 (Group I); Claims 10-15 (Group II) and Claims 16 and 17 (Group III) are distinct inventions. Claims 1-9, 18 and 19 (Group I) are hereby elected for prosecution in this application. However, the right to pursue Claims 10-15 (Group II) and Claims 16 and 17 (Group III) in a subsequent divisional/continuation application is respectfully reserved.

Although it is believed that no fees are due for filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, please charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

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